

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification of the above-identified application as follows.

Please insert the following language between the title on page 1, line 1 and the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 2.

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5 as follows.

--Closure caps for containers are already known in various configurations. For example, closure caps are known that cover a container aperture for closing the container and are removed from the region of said ~~the~~ aperture for opening the container aperture. Typical examples of this type are conventional screw tops, many of which have a screw thread which ~~for closing is~~ screwed together with a thread arranged in the region of a container aperture, generally at a container neck. As a rule, such configurations provide for the closure caps to be completely separated from the container when the container aperture is open. Examples of ~~the use of~~ such configurations include packages for personal hygiene articles such as toothpaste, shower gels, shampoos or the like, or packages for foodstuffs such as ketchup or the like.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 31 as follows.

--Many known containers or arrangements of ~~container~~containers with closure ~~cap~~caps use sealing elements. Examples of sealing elements include cone arrangements or spherical seals. It is further known to insert into the container aperture a separate insert which in turn has an opening for discharging medium from the container. Such inserts are configured such as to generate a substantially tight connection between the insert and the container such as to allow medium to be discharged from the container only via the opening provided in the insert. ~~Said~~The insert may then for example be provided with a screw-on or snap-on closure cap by means of which the opening in the insert or in the container, respectively, can be opened and closed.--

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 14.

Before the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 19, please insert the following language.

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 1 as follows.

--The closure cap of the present invention ~~comprises~~includes at least one circumferentially closed wall section. ~~Said~~The section extends in particular around a longitudinal axis of the closure cap.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 8 as follows.

--The closure cap may in particular be provided with a retaining section that serves to retain it ~~atto~~ a container. Such retaining section may for example be part of a snap-on closure or a screw-thread. It may also be provided that the fin sealing device is a retaining device or part of a retaining device. The term "retaining device" is in particular to be understood to mean that the retaining device – possibly in conjunction with a support provided at a container – results in that ~~said~~the closure cap – when positioned correspondingly – cannot detach from the container by its own weight. It may also be provided that the retaining device is such that a certain minimum force is required for detaching it from the container. A retaining device may also be a surface adapted to be frictionally connected with a surface area of the container or the container neck.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 23 as follows.

--The closure cap preferably ~~comprises~~includes a cap body and a hinged lid hinged to it. The closure cap may also be configured as a snap-on closure.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 26 as follows.

--~~Said~~The closure cap may in particular be such a type of a snap-on closure that – if it is screwed onto a container or a container neck, respectively – it releases a corresponding container aperture when the threaded connection is

separated. Further, an additional opening may be provided in the closure cap which for example can be closed via a flap wherein ~~said~~the closure cap can be screwed onto a container neck or a container, respectively.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 1 as follows.

--In a preferred embodiment, the closure cap ~~comprises~~includes a flap hinged to a cap body by means of at least one film hinge. A different type of hinge may also be provided.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 9 as follows.

--A preferred embodiment provides for several or all of the fins of the fin sealing device to be arranged substantially in parallel. They may also be arranged at an angle to one another. Preferably, the fin sealing device ~~comprises~~includes two fins. However, the fin sealing device may also ~~comprise~~include three or four or five or more than five fins. Fins of the fin sealing device may be arranged at the same wall or at the same wall section, respectively. However, they may also be arranged at different wall sections located for example opposite each other. In a preferred embodiment, the fins of the fin sealing device extend substantially radially relative a longitudinal axis of the closure cap.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 25 as follows.

--The cap body may be provided with a cover plate in the region of its top end. Such cover plate may be shaped plane or non-plane and may be of even or varying thickness. Such cover plate is in particular a top cover plate. It may --although not necessarily -- be the topmost cover of such a cap. For example in a closure cap with a lid hinged to the cap, a top cover plate may be provided having a discharge opening and being adapted to be closed with a lid arranged -- in the closed state -- above ~~said~~the cover plate.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 4 as follows.

--A preferred embodiment provides a first wall that is circumferentially closed and extends around a longitudinal axis or longitudinal central axis, respectively, of the closure cap, from which wall several fins extend substantially radially. The fins may be configured to extend radially inwardly of ~~said~~the wall or radially outwardly. The first wall may for example extend concentrically relative the central axis. The wall may be provided to extend as far as a top cover plate. Such a configuration may in particular provide for the circumferentially closed first wall to be entirely circumferentially closed between ~~said~~the fins and the top cover plate.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 16 as follows.

-- The first wall may for example be cylindrical in contour. It may also ~~comprise~~include - in particular viewed in the longitudinal direction of the closure cap - diverting sections. The first wall may in particular be designed cylindrical in contour, followed by a section diverted by 180 degrees, this in turn followed by another cylindrical section. ~~Said~~The further cylindrical section may for example be provided with fins. Other designs are also preferred. A preferred embodiment provides a first channel open at its bottom end, and extending radially inside ~~said~~the first wall in the longitudinal direction of the closure cap. The bottom end is in particular understood to be the end on the container side when the closure cap is positioned at or attached to the closure cap.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 32 as follows.

--It is further preferred that the closure cap ~~comprises~~includes multiple radially distanced walls. Such walls may for example be arranged concentric relative to one another. Such walls may be cylindrical or otherwise in shape. The closure cap may also be provided with three walls extending substantially in the longitudinal direction of the closure cap and being radially spaced apart. Such walls may extend around a longitudinal central axis of the closure cap. They may be arranged at equal or different angles to one another relative such a longitudinal central axis. Their path in the longitudinal direction of the closure cap may run in a straight or curved or any other line. It is particularly

preferred to provide two radially distanced walls, one of which has substantially radially extending fins of the fin sealing device and distanced such as to allow the neck of a container to be received between ~~said~~the walls such that the fins are supported by ~~said~~the neck over the entire circumference.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 24 as follows.

-- A preferred embodiment provides two radially distant walls of the closure cap extending substantially in the longitudinal direction of the closure cap and in whose gap - as described above - the neck of a container can be received. It is particularly preferred to provide such a configuration with fins of the fin sealing extending from the one of ~~said~~the walls on the side facing the other wall. According to a particularly preferred embodiment, a screw thread or a threaded section is provided on the other wall. ~~Said~~The other wall is particularly preferably the one radially further outward.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 34 as follows.

--A screw-thread or threaded section may also be provided at a wall extending substantially in the longitudinal direction of the closure cap and fins of the fin sealing device may be provided at the same wall. This may in particular be such that the fins are located above ~~said~~the screw-thread or threaded section.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 7 as follows.

--Preferably the fins consist of elastic material. The fins are preferably made of plastics. It is particularly preferred that the entire closure cap consists of plastics. It may be of the same plastics or of different plastics. Preferably it consists of plastics suitable for injection molding. It is particularly preferred that the closure cap and/or the fins are made of a thermoplastic elastomer (TPE) or of polypropylene (PP) or of polyethylene (PE) or of combinations of ~~said~~the plastics.--

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 18.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 27 as follows.

--The container ~~comprises~~includes a container aperture which can be opened and closed by means of the closure cap.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 1 as follows.

--It may be provided that the closure cap is placed at the container - for example detachably placed - and that it ~~comprises~~includes a further aperture having a closure mechanism for ~~said~~the aperture. It may for example be provided that ~~said~~the aperture can be opened and closed by means of a pivotable lid hinged to the closure cap.--



Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 9 as follows:

--It may be provided that the container and the closure cap each ~~comprise~~include a retaining mechanism or retaining region, respectively - of similar or different configuration - wherein ~~said~~the retaining regions or retaining mechanisms cooperate or are configured to cooperate in retaining the closure cap at the container.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 15 as follows.

--It is particularly preferred that the container ~~comprises~~includes a container neck. ~~Said~~The neck may in particular project from the container surface. A container neck may be formed such as to extend from the outer surface of the container toward the inside of the container. It may also be provided that the closure cap is detachably fixed to such container neck or in the region of such container neck.--

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 26.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 1 as follows.

--The method of the present invention provides for the closure cap to be manufactured by injection molding. It is in particular provided that first, a partial element of the closure cap is manufactured by injection molding, and subsequently a fin sealing device having at least two fins is integrally injection-

molded onto said~~the~~ partial element. It may be provided that after the fins have been injection-molded onto said~~the~~ element, further elements are also integrally injection-molded onto the closure cap.--

Before the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 21, please insert the following language.

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 24.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 25 as follows.

--Fig. 1 is a schematic view of an exemplary closure cap of the invention;--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 27 as follows.

--Fig. 2 is a schematic view of an exemplary container of the invention with an exemplary closure cap of the invention;--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 1 as follows.

--Fig. 3 is a schematic view of an exemplary container of the invention with an exemplary closure cap of the invention;--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 4 as follows.

--Fig. 4 is a schematic view of an exemplary container of the invention with an exemplary closure cap of the invention;--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 7 as follows.

--Fig. 5 is a schematic view of an exemplary container of the invention with an exemplary closure cap of the invention;--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 10 as follows.

--Fig. 6 is a schematic view of an exemplary container of the invention with an exemplary closure cap of the invention; and--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 13 as follows.

--Fig. 7 is a schematic view of an exemplary container of the invention with an exemplary closure cap of the invention.--

Before the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 16, please insert the following language.

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 18 as follows.

--The closure cap 1 shown in Fig. 1 is configured entirely integrally and ~~comprises~~includes a closure cap body 10 to which a closure cap lid 12 is hinged via a joint configured as a film hinge 14.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 22 as follows.

--The closure cap body 10 is equipped with a top cover or top cover plate 16, respectively. A closure cap aperture 18 is provided in ~~said~~the top cover plate 16. The aperture 18 is limited in its circumference by a wall section 20 that, viewed in the direction of ~~the~~a central longitudinal axis 22 of the closure cap 1, projects upwardly and downwardly from the cover plate 16. It may also be provided that such wall section 20 projects only upwardly or only downwardly or not at all from the cover plate 16.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 1 as follows.

--Reference is made to the fact that "downwardly" of the closure cap means - if ~~said~~the closure cap is arranged on a container - the direction toward the container while "upwardly" means the opposite direction - i.e. away from the container.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 5 as follows.

--In the configuration of Fig. 1, ~~said~~the wall section 20 tapers downwardly, approximately conically.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 7 as follows.

--The configuration of Fig. 1 provides a substantially annular projection 24 on the inside of the lid 12 which with the lid closed is, in particular tightly, supported on the top end of the wall section 20. ~~Said~~The configuration may also provide that such projection 24 is formed as a projecting plate or that no projection is provided and the inside of the lid 12 - with no projection provided - is supported on the top end of the wall section 20.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 15 as follows.

--Furthermore, a retaining mechanism may be provided, indicated schematically by the reference number 26, which retains the cap lid 12 in its closed position relative the closure cap body 10. In the configuration of Fig. 1, a first wall 28 extends downwardly from the top cover plate 16. In the configuration of Fig. 1, ~~said~~the wall 28 is substantially cylindrical in shape and positioned concentric relative the central longitudinal axis 22. On the radially outward surface of ~~said~~the first wall 28, fins 30, 32 are provided which are circumferentially closed and project radially from ~~said~~the wall 28. The

configuration of Fig. 1 provides two such fins. The fins 30, 32 are axially spaced apart from one another in the axial direction respectively in the direction determined by the central longitudinal axis 22. ~~Said~~The wall 28 is circumferentially entirely closed between ~~said~~the fins 30, 32 respectively between the lower of ~~said~~the fins 32 and the cover plate 16.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 31 as follows.

--The configuration according to Fig. 1 further provides a second wall 34 extending around the central longitudinal axis 22, namely radially outside ~~said~~the first wall 28.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 1 as follows.

--In the configuration according to Fig. 1 ~~said~~the second wall 34 is cylindrical in shape and extends downwardly from the cover plate 16 substantially concentrically relative the central axis 22. In the configuration according to Fig. 1 ~~said~~the first wall 28 extends further downwardly than ~~said~~the second wall 34.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 6 as follows.

--Radially between the first wall 28 and the second wall 34 a gap 36 is formed where a container neck of a container can be received. The fins 30, 32 -

when mounted correspondingly - rest against such a container neck or against the inner wall of the container neck or of the container.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 11 as follows.

--Radially inside the first wall 28 a second gap is provided respectively a channel 38 is formed. The aperture 18 connects to ~~said~~the channel 38. The wall 28 is open at the bottom so that, with ~~a~~the closure cap 1 mounted on a container, medium can pass from the container via the channel 38 to the aperture 18.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 19 as follows.

--In the configuration according to Fig. 1, there is further provided a third wall section 40 extending substantially in the direction of the central longitudinal axis 22 and respectively ~~running~~running downward at an angle to ~~said~~the longitudinal axis. The wall section 40 in the configuration according to Fig. 1 is positioned concentric relative the central longitudinal axis 22 or the first wall 28, respectively, and/or the second wall 34.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 28 as follows.

--The closure cap 1 shown in Fig. 2 differs from that shown in Fig. 1 substantially in that in the configuration according to Fig. 2, ~~at~~the retaining mechanism 26 is absent in the region of the lid 12 facing away from the hinge 14; ~~such~~at~~the~~ retaining mechanism 26 may, however, be present in the configuration according to Fig. 2. The closure cap 1 shown in Fig. 2 further differs from that shown in Fig. 1 in that in the configuration of Fig. 2, ~~an~~the annular projection 24 is absent which, with the lid 12 closed, is supported on the top surface of the cover ~~lid~~plate 16 or the top end of the wall section 20, respectively.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 10 as follows.

--The container shown in Fig. 2 ~~comprises~~includes exactly one container aperture 54. However, ~~such~~at~~the~~ container 50 can generally be provided with multiple container apertures.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 13 as follows.

--In the region of the container aperture 54 the container 50 further ~~comprises~~includes a container neck 56. ~~Said~~The container neck 56 is substantially cylindrical in shape and extends into the radial gap 36 between the first wall 28



and the second wall 34. The configuration shown in Fig. 2 provides that the fins 30, 32 rest against the inner wall of the container neck 56. With this configuration, the inner surface of the second wall 34 further rests against the outer surface of the container neck 56. With this structure, a gap or play may be present. The fins 30, 32 rest against the inner wall or inner surface of the container neck.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 28 as follows.

--Fig. 3 shows another exemplary embodiment of athe container 50 of the invention with ~~a~~the exemplary closure cap 1 of the invention in a schematic view.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 31 as follows.

--In the configuration shown in Fig. 3, an external thread 60 provided on the outer surface of the container neck 56 engages with an internal thread 62 provided on the inner surface of the second wall 34. ~~A~~The third wall 40 arranged radially outwardly of ~~said~~the second wall 34 is absent in the configuration according to Fig. 3, ~~it~~it. It may, however, be provided.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 5 as follows.

--In the configuration shown in Fig. 3, three peripheral fins 30, 32, 64 are ~~further~~ provided. This is also meant to serve as an example only; only two fins may as well be provided, just as four, five or more than five fins may be provided. In the configuration shown in Fig. 3, ~~said~~the fins 30, 32, 64 also abut the inner surface of the container neck 56.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 11 as follows.

--In the configuration according to Fig. 3, the closure cap 1 ~~comprises~~includes the plug 52 arranged at the inside of the lid 12. In this exemplary configuration, there is no wall section 20 projecting upwardly and downwardly from the top cover plate 16 in the region of the closure cap aperture 18 - unlike the configuration of Fig. 2. It may be provided that the plug 52 - in particular in conjunction with the aperture 18 - acts both as a seal and a retaining element. This may also be provided in the configuration according to Fig. 2.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 20 as follows.

--Fig. 4 shows another exemplary configuration of the container 50 of the invention with ~~a~~the exemplary closure cap 1 of the invention.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 23 as follows.

--The closure cap 1 in its configuration according to Fig. 4 differs from the closure cap shown in Fig. 3 substantially in that it is not provided with ~~at~~the closure cap aperture 18 but that the top cover plate 16 - at least in the region enveloped by the first wall 28 - is free of ~~at~~the closure cap aperture nor does it ~~comprise~~include ~~the~~ closure cap lid 12 joined via ~~at~~the hinge 14. The exemplary configuration shown in Fig. 4 of a closure device of the present invention is thus a screw-only top which can be screwed via ~~at~~the internal thread 62 to ~~at~~the external thread 60 arranged at the container neck 56.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 7 as follows.

--The container 50, as is the container 50 shown in Fig. 4, is provided on the outer surface of the container neck 56 with ~~an~~the external thread 60 that engages with ~~an~~the internal thread 62 of the closure cap 1. However, while in the configuration shown in Fig. 4, ~~said~~the external thread 60 extends substantially as far as to the top end of the container neck 56, the configuration shown in Fig. 5 provides an unthreaded region on the outer surface of the container neck above the external thread 60 where it abuts the (sealing) fins 30, 32 arranged at the closure cap 1. Such a region may as well be provided below the external thread 60, in particular at a projection projecting radially outwardly wherein the fins may for example be arranged at a radial recess in ~~the~~a wall 70.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 20 as follows.

--~~Said~~The (sealing) fins 30, 32 that in the configuration of Fig. 4 are provided on the outer surface of a~~the~~ wall 28 extending in the longitudinal direction of the closure cap 1, are, in the configuration of Fig. 5, arranged on the inner surface of a~~the~~ wall 70 extending around the central longitudinal axis 22 and ~~extend~~extending from there radially inwardly.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 26 as follows.

--The closure cap 1 ~~comprises~~includes in the configuration of Fig. 5 only the one wall 70 extending substantially around the longitudinal axis 22.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 29 as follows.

--The container 50 shown in Fig. 6 substantially corresponds to that shown in Fig. 5. The closure cap 1 shown in Fig. 6 differs from that shown in Fig. 5 substantially in that the cap shown in Fig. 6 has a~~the~~ discharge aperture 18 in the top cover plate 16 and a~~the~~ hinged lid 12 joined via a~~the~~ hinge 14, ~~in particular a film hinge 14,~~ for opening and closing the discharge aperture 18.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 3 as follows.

--Fig. 7 shows ~~at~~the container 50 having ~~at~~the closure cap 1. The container 50 differs from that shown in Fig. 2 in that the container neck 56 has ~~at~~the external thread 60 on its outer surface which can be screwed to ~~an~~the internal thread 62 provided at the lid 12.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 7 as follows.

--The closure cap 1 shown in Fig. 7 differs from the closure cap 1 shown in Fig. 2 in particular in that the second wall 34 ~~comprises an~~includes the internal thread 62 and in that ~~a~~the hinged lid 12 is absent and the top cover plate 16 has no passageway or aperture 18.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 11 as follows.

--However, the configuration shown in Fig. 7 can - as shown in Fig. 2 - be designed without ~~a thread~~the threads 60, 62, and the configuration shown in Fig. 2 can be designed with ~~a thread~~the threads 60, 62.--